# Rep. Mahern Needs Your Opinion

It is always important for me to know your opinions on various issues related to state government. It is even more vital now with a new governor in the Statehouse, the long legislative session complete and the short legislative session about to begin in January.

#### Making Progress



Rep. Maherr

In the past session we acted on various items that everyone agrees are in the best interests of our state—increased economic development efforts, a streamlined approach to regulation of small businesses, more caseworkers on the job to combat child abuse and a vigorous response to the growing problems of meth.

#### going too far?

The new administration and the Republican majority in both the House and Senate also passed several bills which proved very controversial. The new state budget has resulted in large property tax increases across Indiana while forcing many local school corporations to slash personnel and programs.

The governor has used his executive powers to close local license branches, privatize various government operations, delay local road construction projects and place state prisoners in our parks. The governor has also announced plans to place one of our state prisons in the hands of private management.

#### Your opinion counts

I anticipate several important proposals will emerge in the next few months and I need your opinions. I encourage you to complete the survey to the right and mail it to my office.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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### Contact Rep. Mahern

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Sign-up on my website to receive email updates.



Please complete this survey and return it to me by mail or online at www.in.gov/H97. Two sets of answers are provided so a second person of your household may respond.

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The presence of a question in this survey does not necessarily indicate Rep. Mahern's support or opposition for the issue.

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| 1. Do you believe Indiana should conduct a statewide referendum in 2006 to determine whether our state should be on Eastern time with New York or Central time with Chicago?   | First person  ☐yes ☐no ☐no opinion | Second person □yes □no □no opinion |
| 2. Do you agree with the governor's plan to lease or sell the Indiana Toll Road to private or foreign investors?   | □yes □no<br>□no opinion            | □yes □no □no opinion               |
| 3. Recent Supreme Court rulings have allowed private property to be seized for development. Should Indiana pass laws to curb this practice?  | □yes □no<br>□no opinion            | □yes □no □no opinion               |
| 4. Do you believe Indiana is on the right track?   | □yes □no □no opinion               | □yes □no □no opinion               |
| 5. The term "intelligent design" describes the belief that a supernatural hand, rather than the process of natural selection, guided the development of life. Do you believe Indiana's schoolchildren should be taught intelligent design, along with the theory of evolution? | □yes □no<br>□no opinion            | □yes □no<br>□no opinion            |
| 6. Mayor Peterson has proposed combining 10 Marion County fire departments to save money and make fire protection more efficient. Do you support the combining of fire departments?  | □yes □no<br>□no opinion            | □yes □no<br>□no opinion            |
| Comments:  |                                    |                                    |
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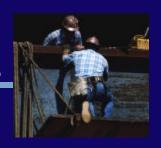
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